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Application No.: 09/507,968

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For: Neutrokin-alpha and Neutrokin-alpha Splice
Variant

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including May 6, 2002 to respond to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the amount of \$920.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3).

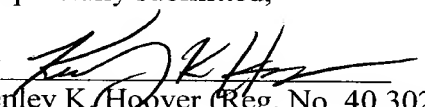
In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this company) to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Dated: May 3, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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